The aquarium is a nonprofit organization. Your admission today, along with member support and contributions, makes possible our free programs for visiting schoolchildren, workshops for teachers, sea otter research and conservation, and important marine research initiatives. Thank you for visiting, and for helping in our efforts to inspire conservation of the oceans.

Please Don't
There's no smoking, food or drink allowed inside. Please use trash cans and recycle bins, and don't toss objects into exhibits. Flash photos aren't effective in dark areas of the Outer Bay galleries, and are prohibited at octopus exhibits for animal safety. And please — don't feed the pigeons and gulls! They spread disease and crowd out other native birds.

Restaurant
The Portola Cafe features a cafeteria (open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.), a full-service restaurant, and oyster bar (open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.), all with ocean views. There's a snack window in the Outer Bay galleries (open seasonally).

Memberships
Members receive unlimited free admission, express entry, special evening hours, bookstore discounts and more. Join at the box office on Hovden Way and enter immediately — no waiting. Or stop by the Member Desk inside. We'll apply your admission fees toward the cost of membership.

Emergencies: Go to the Information Desk inside the main entrance, or contact any staff member.

Information: Go to the Information Desk or call (408)648-4888.

Re-Entry: You can leave and re-enter today. Have your hand stamped as you exit, or at the Information Desk.

Visitors with Disabilities: Wheelchairs and assisted listening devices are available free during your visit; ask at the Information Desk. All exhibits are wheelchair accessible, except the Sea Otter mezzanine. You can drop off passengers at the loading zone in front of the aquarium. Limited disabled parking is available; call (408) 648-4840 the day of your visit.

Hours: We're open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. during major holiday periods and summer months — Memorial Day to Labor Day).

Gift and Bookstores: Your purchases support our many education and conservation programs. Store hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. You'll find film, books, gifts and natural history items, and merchandise for children. You can also visit our Carmel Plaza store in Carmel.

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International Visitors: Visitor maps are available free at the Information Desk in Spanish, German, French, Japanese, Italian and Chinese. Audio tours are available for rent in English, Spanish, German, French and Japanese (starting May 1998).

Comments and Suggestions: We want to know what you think. Drop your comments in the suggestion box at the Information Desk, or visit us on the World Wide Web at www.mbayaq.org.

Our Mission: The mission of the Monterey Bay Aquarium is to inspire conservation of the oceans.

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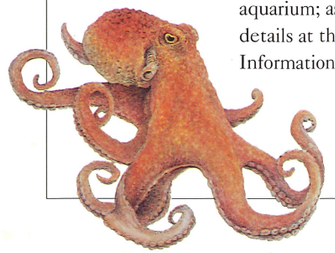
VISITOR MAP

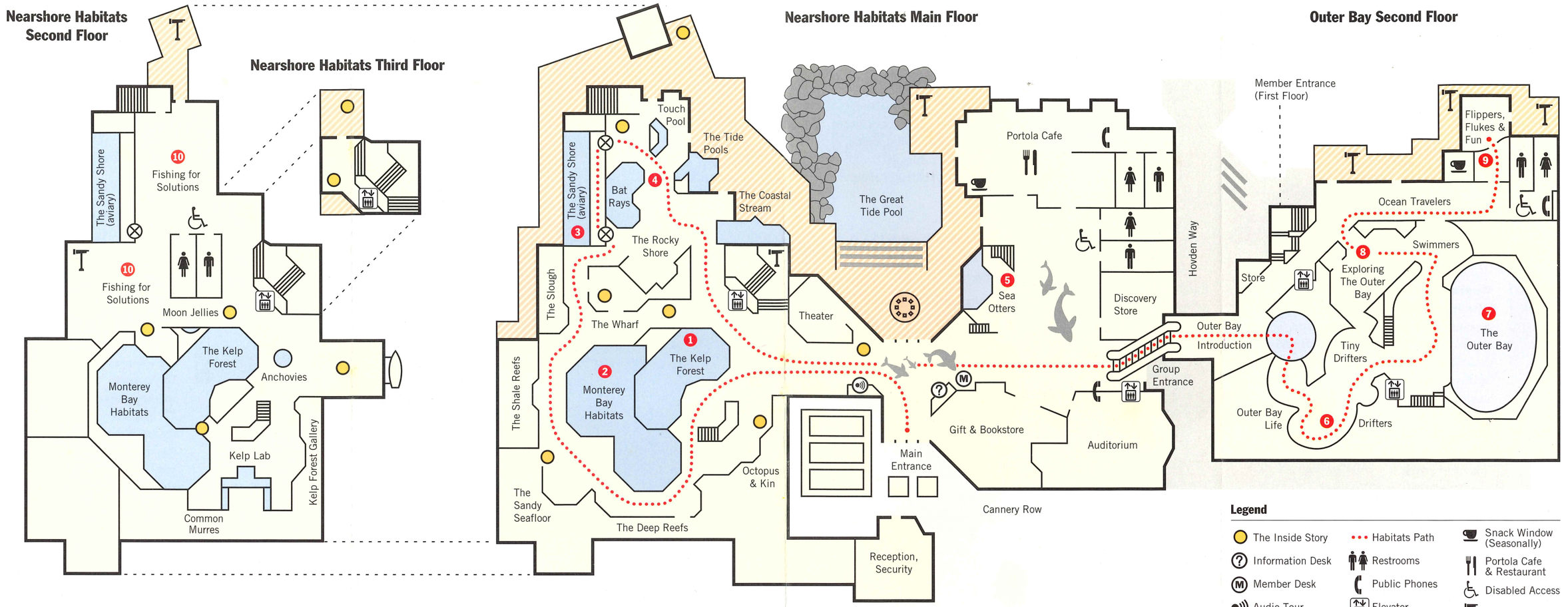
Welcome to the hidden world of Monterey Bay—a spectacular ocean realm at the heart of the nation's largest marine sanctuary. Our exhibits are home to ocean creatures that live right here in Monterey Bay. The exhibits re-create the bay's habitats, from shallow tide pools to the open sea. Volunteer guides in rust-colored jackets are here to answer your questions. You'll find them at many exhibits.

Must See
An average visit lasts just under three hours. Be sure to see our jellies and million-gallon Outer Bay exhibit; the three-story Kelp Forest; and our two-story Sea Otter exhibit. Follow the Habitats Path to the Touch Pools and all major exhibits.

What's New
Our spectacular Outer Bay galleries showcase life of the open sea. We have two special exhibits: "The Inside Story," sharing behind-the-scenes secrets; and "Fishing for Solutions," helping you discover how to protect the world's fisheries for the future. Self-guided audio tours are available for rent (beginning May 1998). There are daily programs in the auditorium and around the aquarium; ask for details at the Information Desk.

Feedings
Divers talk with visitors as they feed the fishes in our Kelp Forest (11:30 a.m.,4 p.m.). Sea otters are fed at the exhibit (10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.). Aquarists stop and chat as they feed at other exhibits each afternoon.





1 Kelp Forest *Get a diver's-eye view of sea creatures from sharks to sardines in a towering, living kelp forest — the first of its kind at any aquarium.*

2 Monterey Bay Habitats *Explore the deep reefs, sandy seafloor, shale reefs and wharf pilings.*

3 Sandy Shore *Shorebirds are just inches away on sand dunes and a wave-lapped beach.*

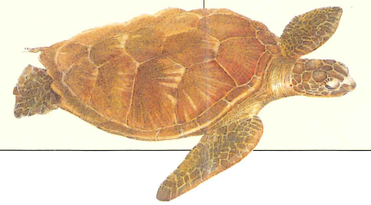
4 Touch Pools *At one pool, you can pet silky bat rays; at another, touch sea stars and other tide pool creatures.*

5 Sea Otters *Playful California sea otters dive and swim amid the fishes in a two-story exhibit.*

6 Drifters *Delicate jellies are among the most simple — and beautiful — ocean animals. They pulse and drift in the largest exhibits of jellies anywhere.*

7 The Outer Bay *View a million-gallon indoor ocean through the world's largest window.*

8 Exploring the Outer Bay *Video microscopes and a host of hands-on activities let you probe the oceans' secrets.*



9 Flippers, Flukes & Fun *These marine mammal activities are for families with kids ages 4 to 7.*

10 "Fishing for Solutions" *This special exhibit features sea turtles, shrimp and mangroves as it explores problems facing the world's fisheries.*

"The Inside Story" *In our new special exhibit, discover how we care for animals and create exhibits as you peek behind the scenes. Throughout the aquarium.*